

**List of Available Interviewees on the Following Topics:**

**Wind Energy**  
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**Section 9006 of the 2002 U.S. Farm Bill**  
**Community Wind Projects**  
**Wind Projects and Rural Schools**  
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**Wind Energy and Public Policy**  
**Small Wind Turbines**  
**Wind Project Development**  
**Wind Resource Assessment**  
**Permitting and Zoning for Wind Turbines**

**Lisa Daniels****Windustry**

**Topics: community wind, landowner options, wind energy easements/land leases, public policy to support wind energy, and economic development**

As the executive director and founder of Windustry, Ms. Daniels has provided wind energy information and technical assistance to rural landowners, elected officials, rural utilities and other interested groups since 1995. She has been a contractor/consultant with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and is currently a partner on the Wind Powering America initiative with the U.S. Department of Energy.

Ms. Daniels also is an active member of the National Wind Coordinating Committee. She has authored and edited several publications on wind energy and is frequently asked to speak at agriculture and energy forums, training courses and conferences. She was recently recognized by the U.S. DOE Wind Powering America program with a Regional Wind Advocacy Award for regional leadership, creativity, and commitment to wind energy development.

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**Lawrence Flowers****National Renewable Energy Laboratory/National Wind Technology Center**

**Topics: Section 9006 of the 2002 U.S. Farm Bill, wind policy, wind economics and economic development, utility integration, Native Americans, project development**

Mr. Flowers is a team leader at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's National Wind Technology Center, with principle responsibilities for Wind Powering America and International Village Power. In his 23 years at NREL, he has been responsible for programs in the areas of solar thermal, buildings, utility, industrial, international, and wind applications. He has spent the last 11 years in wind technology with an emphasis on village and international systems. He was assigned the WPA national initiative lead in October 1999.

Prior to NREL, Mr. Flowers worked in the aluminum industry in manufacturing, applications engineering, and marketing. He has degrees in Engineering and Business Administration and is a registered professional engineer.

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**Trudy L. Forsyth**

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**Topics: small wind, Section 9006 of the 2002 U.S. Farm Bill, state small wind policy options**

Trudy Forsyth has worked in the wind technology field for 10 years as the leader of the small wind turbine team. She has been involved in subcontracting with U.S. industry to design, build, and test new advanced small wind turbines, writing a new international standard for small wind turbine design and safety, testing small wind turbines against these International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) standards, and verifying existing commercial small turbines with field test data. She is a member of the Wind Powering America team, working to find ways to address barriers to small wind implementation across the United States by providing technical assistance in the form of information products, outreach, and analytical tools.

Ms. Forsyth has co-authored several technical conference papers on small wind turbines and their design features and economics, as well as giving presentations to both international audiences and the general public on these topics.

Ms. Forsyth has a bachelors and masters degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Colorado-Denver. Prior to her career in wind turbine technology, she worked for an aerospace company for 10 years in a variety of engineering capacities.

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**Antonio C. Jimenez**

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**Topics: community wind and the wind development process**

Mr. Jimenez is a member of the Wind Powering America team. His activities include administering NREL's Native American Anemometer Loan Program and providing analysis assistance to tribes contemplating wind energy projects. In addition, he has worked on various analysis tools, including a wind farm financial analysis tool. His past NREL work includes the development of hybrid-system sizing and analysis tools, system-sizing analysis on proposed hybrid projects, and the co-authoring of two applications guidebooks. He holds a B.S. in engineering physics from the University of Colorado and an M.S. in mechanical engineering from Colorado State University.

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**Charles Newcomb****National Renewable Energy Laboratory/National Wind Technology Center****Topics: Section 9006 of the 2002 U.S. Farm Bill**

Charles Newcomb has served as the U.S. Department of Energy Liaison to the Department of Agriculture for the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Program since the program's first year of implementation. In this role, Mr. Newcomb has worked closely with the Department of Agriculture in the areas of improved program outreach, implementation, and management and has provided the Department of Agriculture with a communication link to the Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory and its associated group of technical experts in both renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. Mr. Newcomb is familiar with the program's objectives, the hurdles the program has worked to overcome, the USDA perspective on the management of the program, and with the methods for implementation of the program. Mr. Newcomb is also familiar with the USDA's current efforts to improve the program.

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**Tom Potter****New Center for Rural Economic & Energy Development****Topics: Rural empowerment with wind and renewable energy; economic development with wind: reports from the field; connecting rural energy producers with urban energy consumers through the Community Energy Partners initiative; sustaining the rural lifestyle with new income, new jobs, and new career options from wind and biofuels**

Tom Potter is principal of the New Center for Rural Economic & Energy Development and a fellow of the Center for Resource Management, both in Denver. He has worked for 30 years on energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, first with Public Service Company of Colorado, then for 16 years with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, and more recently as an energy consultant. Recent clients have included DOE's Wind Powering America program, Colorado's Office of Energy Management and Conservation, Western Area Power Administration, Colorado county commissioners, and the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union. Tom's report on Rural Empowerment with Renewable Energy is posted on the OEMC's web site.

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**Heather Rhoads-Weaver**

**American Wind Energy Association (AWEA)/ Northwest Sustainable Energy for Economic Development (SEED)**

**Topics: Successful wind projects under USDA Value-Added, Section 9006, and Rural Community Development Grant programs; economic development benefits of community wind projects; wind resource assessment how-to basics; permitting and zoning for small turbines, and state-level incentives and policies for community-scale wind development**

Heather Rhoads-Weaver has served as AWEA's Small Wind Advocate since 2001, overseeing grant-funded projects and supporting AWEA's Small Turbine Committee. She founded Northwest Sustainable Energy for Economic Development (SEED) to serve the growing interest in rural communities to maximize local benefits from "home grown" energy resources. She previously worked as Policy Associate for the NW Energy Coalition, Program Manager for Global Energy Concepts, and Senior Outreach Coordinator for the National Wind Coordinating Committee. She holds an M.S. in Environmental Science from the University of Northern Iowa and a B.A. in Science in Society from Wesleyan University.

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**Roya Stanley**

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**Topics: The rural economic impact of wind energy projects, wind and rural schools**

Roya Stanley leads the State and Local Initiatives Group for the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). The State and Local Initiatives Group provides a bridge between state and local governments and the researchers at NREL. The State and Local Initiatives Group also supports a number of Department of Energy initiatives and works closely with DOE regional offices and programs.

Prior to moving to NREL, Roya Stanley worked for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for 18 years, 16 of which were with the state energy office. During those 16 years, she contributed to the development of the Iowa Building Energy Management program, which resulted in over \$150 million in investment in energy efficiency; contributed to the development of the switchgrass initiative, which laid the groundwork for a cellulosic fuel of the future; and contributed to the crafting of Iowa's RPS, resulting in wind development in Iowa that has exceeded the requirement. Her last two years with the DNR were spent as the Administrator for the Waste Management Assistance Division, connecting energy to environmental impacts. Decision-making using the best analysis was a hallmark of these Iowa efforts and one of the critical factors to achieving policy change and program results.

Her education includes an undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois and an MBA from Colorado State University.

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**Terri Walters**

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**Topics: USDA programs for renewable energy and energy efficiency and wind on State Lands**

Working at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory since 1998, Ms. Walters has focused on engaging state and local governments and rural communities in the deployment of renewable energy and efficiency technologies. Prior to joining NREL, Ms. Walters worked at the U.S. Department of Energy in Washington, DC. Her tenure at DOE included positions as Chief of Staff for the Office of Policy and International Affairs, Deputy Director of Policy Development, and Regional Manager in the Office of Energy Exports.

Before her career in energy policy, Ms. Walters worked in manufacturing as a process design engineer and served as a state- and national-level political consultant. She has a mechanical engineering degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

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